

GRAND ISLAND CABINS

Looking for a quiet, rustic place to get away for a few nights? Grand Island National Recreation Area is located in Lake Superior, about one-half mile from the mainland community of Munising, Michigan. The island's scenic natural beauty and interesting history make it an attractive place to spend your vacation.

General Information

The Munising Ranger District of the Hiawatha National Forest welcomes you to Grand Island. These cabins were constructed in 2012 through a partnership between the Forest Service and Grand Island Lodging LLC.

Recreation opportunities include biking, kayaking, hiking, fishing, swimming, beachcombing, and hunting. For more information about Grand Island, pick up an Official Grand Island booklet at the Visitor Center in Munising or call 906-387-3700.

Cabin Access

You are responsible for getting yourself and your gear to the cabin.

Snow free season: The only way to access Grand Island in the snow-free season (roughly April – December) is by boat.

There is a public ferry that operates from Memorial Day through early October. Contact www.grandislandmi.com for schedules and pricing. You can also access Grand Island with a personal boat or

kayak. Once you are on the island you can hike or bike to the cabins (locations listed below). Altran bus service MAY provide transportation for you or your gear but you need to contact 906-387-4845 in advance to make arrangements. Personal vehicles/ATVs for the public are not allowed on the island during the summer season. Limited ATV use is allowed during hunting season. Contact the Forest Service at 906-387-2512 for more information.

Snow Season: During the winter season, the only way to access Grand Island is across the ice by snowmobile, snowshoe or skis. **Note: We can never recommend that the ice is safe. Travel over the ice is at your own risk!** Snowmobiles are allowed direct access to the cabins.

Cabin Locations: Merchant Cabin is located on the west rim trail approximately 1 mile from the landing. (See attached Map.) It is adjacent to Merchandise beach. Sunset cabin is located on the west rim trail approximately 3.6 miles from the Landing. (See attached map). It is adjacent to Waterfall Beach.

The West Rim Trail is a hiking/biking trail only. **Note: Passenger vehicle and ATV access to the cabins are prohibited.**

Both cabins have direct access to Lake Superior. There are no docks. Boats must either be beached or anchored off shore at your own risk. Personal watercraft (jet skis) are not allowed to land on Grand Island. The west side of Grand Island is exposed to the dominant NW wind.

Mooring and beaching motorized boats is not recommended.

What you need to know

- Refunds will NOT be issued for weather related issues once you have arrived in Munising. Know the forecast before you leave home. Refunds can be obtained in advance through the Reservation system.
- If you are both observant and lucky you may be able to see a black bear during your visit. These are wild animals and are NOT to be harassed or fed. Once bears become accustomed to human food, they become a nuisance and a threat to your safety. Keep all food and scented items locked in the cabin when not under your immediate supervision.
- **You will need a combination for the cabin, which is locked at all times.** Combinations may be obtained through the Reservation system. Please make sure you know the combination before traveling to Munising. If you cannot access the cabin, please call 906-202-1778 or 906-235-5405.
- Through the Recreation Enhancement Act, a daily entrance fee of \$2.00/per person is charged per visit to the island. The fee is included in the

passenger ferry fee or you can pay at the Interagency Visitor Center or at several locations on the Island; season, family and boat entrance passes are also available.

- Cell phone service is spotty on the Island. There is a public phone located at the Visitor Contact Station for emergencies.

Specifics on the Cabins

The cabins can accommodate up to four people comfortably (8 maximum). Cooking can be done on your own camp stove, the provided gas grill, or on fire grill outside. Plan to bring your own equipment, including a camp stove, dishes, cooking utensils, containers for carrying water, toilet paper, lanterns, sleeping bags, and pillows. The cabin has two bunk beds with 4 mattresses. There is a picnic table, propane heater, and battery operated lanterns for light.

There are no modern bathroom facilities or electricity. A pit toilet is located just off the trail to the cabin. There are water spigots located at various sites on the Island during the summer. The closest one to Sunset Cabin is 0.4 miles and the closest one to Merchant cabin is 1 mile. See attached map. Water may also be filtered out of Lake Superior.

Fees and Reservations

Reservations are \$100 per night and \$600 for the week year round. The cabin can be rented for 14 consecutive nights. Reservations are made on

the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS). To check availability of the cabin or to make a reservation, call 877-444-6777 or go to www.recreation.gov.

Special Regulations

- Occupants are expected to clean the cabin and police the grounds prior to departure.
- Use of tents near the cabin site is prohibited.
- Use of motorized vehicles off of the designated road system is prohibited.
- Check-in time is 1pm and check-out time is 11am
- Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed and never left unattended.
- Collect down and dead wood for outside fires.
- Occupants will be billed for damage or extra clean-up costs.

For More Information

For more information, please contact the NRRS at 877-444-6777.

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